

**Memorandum on Assignment of Functions Under Section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181)**

*October 31, 2008*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject: Assignment of Functions Under Section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181)*

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the reporting function conferred upon the President by section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181).

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**October 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**October 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav from August 31 to September 7.

**October 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Republican Na-

tional Committee headquarters, he met with staff members.

**October 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President was briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The White House announced that the President will participate in the United Nations meeting on interfaith dialog on November 13 in New York City, NY.

The President declared a major disaster in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Omar from October 14–16.

**October 30**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He was then briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Later, he traveled to Quantico, VA.

Later in the morning, at Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, the President visited Marine Helicopter Squadron One hangar, where he met with service members and thanked them for their service.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rachmiel Liberman, Harley Lippman, and Jonathan J. Rikoon as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced that he has designated Daniel Rosenblum as Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program Coordinator and Coordinator for Overall Assistance and Economic Cooperation Strategy for the Independent States of the former Soviet Union at the Department of State.

**October 31**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes from September 11–17.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### ***Released October 27***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Florida

#### ***Released October 28***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: Ensuring a Smooth and Effective Presidential Transition

#### ***Released October 29***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush's Participation in the U.N. Meeting on Interfaith Dialogue, November 13

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the U.S. Virgin Islands

Advance text of the President's remarks at a graduation ceremony at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in Quantico, Virginia

#### ***Released October 30***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino and Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Edward P. Lazear

Statement by the Press Secretary on the imprisonment of democracy activists in Syria

Fact sheet: Confronting the Emerging Dangers of a New Century

#### ***Released October 31***

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kansas

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.